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Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ICE WREAKS HAVOC ON POWER LINES

Athens Utilities Board reports around 7,000 customers lost power at one time or another as a result of the ice that formed on power lines and trees late Monday. AUB crews have been working around the clock, with help from crews from Electric Power Board in Chattanooga. As of Tuesday evening, about 700 customers were still without power, mostly in the Englewood and Niota areas. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says it will be Wednesday afternoon before all the electricity is restored. Scarbrough also says there have been a number of cases where power went out, crews restored it, and then had to be called back to the same area 2 or 3 or 4 times after additional trees or limbs knocked the power out again.

The McMinn County Mayor's Office says temporary warming shelters have been established at the following locations for residents without power: Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church on County Road 250 in Niota; Union McMinn Baptist Church, County Road 316, Niota; and the Englewood Church of God.

◆ WEDNESDAY CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS

SCHOOLS: Athens City and Kids Connection; McMinn County; Etowah City; Meigs County, Fairview Christian Academy; Christ Legacy Academy.

CHURCHES: St. Mark AME Zion Church cancelled the Ash Wednesday service; Genesis Baptist Church.

OTHERS: The Athens Recycle Center is closed until further notice due to ice around the collection containers.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A trip to the dentist saved an 11-year-old's life, tipping her doctors and mother off to a grapefruit-sized tumor that could have killed her. The hygienist noticed that the whites of the child's eyes looked yellow, and suggested taking her to a doctor -- just in case.

◆ U.S. intelligence officials are analyzing facial features and speech patterns of the masked man who spoke in a recent ISIS video showing the gruesome execution of 21 Coptic Christians in Libya. His accent indicates he may be from the United States.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The 53rd Annual Banquet of the Etowah Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at McMinn Central High School. Radio talk show host Hallerin Hilton Hill will be the keynote speaker.

✓ The Heritage School this Saturday at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will feature Park Ranger Brad Hamby and "Ishi" the Owl. The program begins at 11:30 a.m.

✓ Registration for the Mighty Mini Soccer Program for ages 4 and 5 will be at the Athens City Middle School gym on Feb. 23rd from 6 to 7 p.m. and Feb. 25th from 5 to 6 p.m. Practice will be held on Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$45.

✓ Registration for the McMinn United Soccer Academy program for ages 6-8 will be Feb. 23th at the Athens City Middle School gym from 6 to 7 p.m. or Feb. 25th from 5 to 6 p.m. Practice will be on Tuesday and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. Games will be Saturdays at 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$95.

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WEATHER
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy. 60% snow showers. High-28.
Wed. night - Partly cloudy & very cold. Low 3 to 6. Wind chills of -5 to -15.
Thursday - Mostly sunny. High-upper teens. Wind chills of zero to -10.
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Legislation You May Have Missed

Every year, state lawmakers introduce hundreds of bills and resolutions. We never hear much about many of those bills. Here are a few that have not gotten much publicity this year:

- Two lawmakers are offering legislation to proclaim the Barrett Model 82A1 rifle the official gun of Tennessee.
- Another bill would make it legal for motorcyclists to drive in between cars in certain circumstances.
- A bill would ban anyone with three DUI's or more from purchasing alcohol ever again. The bill would require adding the words "No Alcohol Sales" on the person's driver's license.
- Sometimes people are released from prison by mistake. A bill has been introduced that would let a judge issue a warrant to have that person arrested and returned to prison.
- If you buy some clothing and the clerk forgets to remove one of those store security devices, the store must pay for the cost of shipping the clothing back to the store to have the security device removed. Under a new bill, you would have to live more than 30 minutes away from a store to get that shipping cost covered.
- A bill would allow Tennessee politicians to start accepting Bitcoin and other forms of digital currency as campaign contributions. Federal election rules already allow such donations, but it's unclear if Bitcoin users are lining up to help candidates in Tennessee.
- ◆ A bill would make it a misdemeanor to bring someone under the age of 18 to a cockfight.

Obituaries

- **Pamalma McRae**, age 56, of Etowah died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Becky Ann Williams Bell**, age 51, of Ten Mile died on Feb. 12. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Buelah's Chapel Church in Niota, with visitation at 6 p.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge.
- **Helen Marie Baker Cook**, age 71, of Niota, died on Monday at her home. She was the former owner of Action Real Estate and Dale Cook Classic Homes. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

ATHENS CONSTRUCTION REPORT

The City of Athens issued 356 building permits in the year 2014. Sixteen permits were issued for new residential construction. Three permits were issued for new commercial construction. Two permits were issued for commercial additions, two for industrial additions, and 11 for residential additions. The Athens Community Development Department says 26 permits were issued for signs or billboards and nine permits were issued for building demolition. Other permits were issued for plumbing, electric, and mechanical work. There were also three permits issued for inground or above ground swimming pools.



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